AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Amend Claims 3 and 4, cancel Claims 5 and 6, and add new Clams 7 and 8 as follows:

1. (Orignal) A method of inducing apoptosis in cells by overexpression of the C1D gene.

2. (Orignal) The method according to claim 1, wherein the cells are tumor cells.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the C1D gene product comprises the amino acid sequence of ~~fig. 1 or 2~~ SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4 ~~and~~/or an amino acid sequence differing therefrom by one or several amino acids, the DNA sequence of the latter amino acid sequence hybridizing with the DNA of ~~fig. 1 or 2~~ SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any of~~ claims 1 ~~to 3~~, wherein the cells are transfected with an expression vector comprising
   (a) the DNA of ~~fig. 1 or 2~~ SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 or a DNA differing therefrom by one or several base pairs, the latter DNA hybridizing with the DNA of ~~fig. 1 or 2~~ SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3, or
   (b) a DNA related to the DNA from (a) via the degenerated genetic code.

5. (Canceled) The method according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the C1D gene which is included endogenously in the cells is stimulated.

6. (Canceled) The method according to claim 5, wherein the promoter of the endogenous C1D gene is stimulated by extracellular factors.

7. (New) The method according to claim 2, wherein the cells are transfected with an expression vector comprising

(a) the DNA of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 or a DNA differing therefrom by one or several base pairs, the latter DNA hybridizing with the DNA of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3, or

(b) a DNA related to the DNA from (a) via the degenerated genetic code.

8. (New) The method according to claim 3, wherein the cells are transfected with an expression vector comprising

(a) the DNA of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 or a DNA differing therefrom by one or several base pairs, the latter DNA hybridizing with the DNA of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3, or

(b) a DNA related to the DNA from (a) via the degenerated genetic code.